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CANDIDATES HARD AT WORK.

NO CHANGE IN THE RACE FOR SPEAKER. A STUBBORN BUT GOOD-HUMORED CANVASS-MR. SHEARD STILL IN THE LEAD,

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 30 .- The four Republican candidates for Speaker of the Assembly, it is evident to-night, intend to remain before their fellow-members as aspirants for the office until at least one test vote has been taken in the caucus to-morrow night. Mr. Sheard has still more votes than any of the other candidates, but his lead is not so great as to forbid the friends of the other candidates from hoping that their favorite may yet be selected. Moreover, Mr. Sheard did not make those gains to-day which his heutenants hoped for, and consequently the courage of the friends of the other candidates was revived.

Mr. Sheard suffered from the "locality" cry, started yesterday by his opponents. It was urged that there would be great danger to the State if the offices of United States Senator, Clerk of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly were held, the same year, by residents of the county of Herkimer; and in addition, if a resident of the neighboring county of Lewis should hold the office of Clerk of the Assembly. The result of a vigorous unterance of this cry by the supporters of the three other candidates was to stay Mr. Sheard's progress and to bring some votes to the support of Messrs, Roosevelt, Erwin, and Littlejohn. Finally it was rumored about that Mr. Sheard's strength had so faded away beneath the attack that he had decided to withdraw in Mr. Littlejohn's favor.

The report ra her startled Mr. Erwin's followers, and they sent Mr. Hunt, of Jefferson County, an Erwin man, to learn if there was any truth in the report. Mr. Hunt found Mr. Sheard in the act taking off his overcoat and appearing as if he had just come in from the outer air. Mr. Hunt frankly stated his mission Mr. Sheard laughed and replied: "My dear Hunt, I haven't heard the rumor, because I have just been taking a five mile walk over the hills, and, confidentially, during that time I have been composing my speech of thanks to the caucus." This speech of Mr. Sheard's was considered an excellent piece of inventive genius by the other candidate.

MR. SHEARD'S CONFIDENCY

Mr. Sheard's lieutenants, ex-Congressman Smart, Congressman Burleigh, Hamilton Fish, jr., Carroll E. Smith and Henry L. Duguid went, vigorously at work to stem the tide against their can-didate. They first disturbed the serenity of Mr. Erwin's friends by pointing out that Mr. Erwin had opposed the adoption of the free canal amendment to the Constitution, and could not therefore be consistently supported by members living along the line of the Eric Canal. Late at night Mr. Sheard's managers were confident that he had not lost any votes, but it could not be denied that the Chantauqua and Cattaraugus Assemblymen had grown rather cold in their devotion to Mr. Sheard's cause. Here and there about the State also, the single representatives of counties had pledged their votes to other candidates. This was the case with Mr. Hall, of Allegheny County, and Mr. Dibble, of Orleans County.

A "CAMP OF OBSERVATION." One amusing result of the combination against Mr. Sheard was the formation of a "camp of observation." The "camp" was pitched in Mr. Roosevelt's room. Mr. Roosevelt, to his great delight, received numerous additions his support. That is, ostensibly they were additions to his support. Thus, there was packed away in the "camp of observation," during the day, eight out of the nine members from New York, the four members from Kings County, the three members from Monroe County, and the representatives of several other coun-County, well expressed his intention in nothing of a formal nature about it. "If I were to say as putting the Monroe County members into the "camp | a guess, he said, "just what was the intention of that of observation." when he said: to be in for two or three ballots." It was well about a better social acquaintance of those present, and known to those who were managing the canvasses of Mr. Sheard and Mr. Erwin, that the men who had thus joined Mr. Roosevelt were not actually for him. Part of them are for Mr. Sheard and part for Mr. Erwin, and they will be drawn out of the "camp of observation" when needed to-morrow night. Some of them may leave it on the first ballot. The managers of Mr. Erwin's canvass, John F. Smyth, Louis F. Payn, Silas B. Dutcher and A. B. Hepburn, keenly eyed the "camp of observation" all day and were in communication with it all the time. On the other side Messrs. Smart, Burleigh, Fish and Duguid were equally watchful of the "camp." There were men in the "camp" who had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Shard and had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Shard and had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Shard and had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Shard and had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Shard and had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Shard and had not indicated whether they watchful of the "camp." There were men in the "camp" who had not indicated whether they were for Mr. Erwin or Mr. Sheard, and remained obstinately within their tents. It is presumed these men will be promised tempting rations to-morrow by Messrs. Sheard and Erwin's managers, and urged

MR. ROOSEVELT'S SUPPORT. Mixed in with these men were Mr. Roosevelt's actual support. This has been composed largely of the younger members of the Legislature. They have come here unpledged to any candidate, and with the sole idea of earning honor for the Republican party in the Legislature. They have made an earnest canvass for Mr. Roosevelt and they have astonished older politicians by their success in obtaining votes for him and in retaining that support. Experienced politicians to-night are of the opinion that the contest is practicallybetween Mr. Sheard and Mr. Erwin. A large part of Mr. Roosevelt's support is insincere; and Mr. Littlejohn has little supporters. Some of his supporters also are in a quiet little "emp of observation" of their own. Mr. Sheard however, has to obtain fewer recruits from the "eamps of observation" than Mr. Erwin to succeed. It is not yet known where Mr. Roosevelt's actual support will go if it becomes apparent that he is defeated.

HOW THE CONTEST WILL BE DECIDED. with the sole idea of earning honor for

HOW THE CONTEST WILL BE DECIDED. Some politicians anticipate several ballots in the caucus, and some even have predicted a deadlock. In the opinion of the most experienced, however, the contest will be decided to-morrow night. In whatever way it is decided there will be no aniwhatever way it is decided there will be no animosity of feeling to cause dissension in the party. With all the rumors and counter rumors the contest has been conducted in a good-humored way. There has been no charge of bribery or corruption such as has frequently disgraced a contest for the Speakership. The contest has been a stubborn one, because some of the ablest Republican politicians of the State were opposed to each other. It has been prolonged because the politicians were acquainted with each others' methods, and therefore knew how to defend their positions.

eir positions. tht Mr. Sheard's managers were claim-Late to-night Mr. Sheard's managers were claiming that they had made some additions to his list of supporters. They claimed that both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Sipp had assured Mr. Sheard of their support. It is probable that the vote will be by ballot. General James W. Husted will probably preside over the caucus which will be held in the Assembly Chamber of the new Capitol.

CREDITORS EXCITED OVER A FAILURE.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.! CLEVELAND, Dec. 30 .- The failure of Lamborn & Gay, bankers, at Alliance, is creating a great sensation there. A mass meeting of the creditors was held last night in the Opera House. The bank managers stated at the meeting that the firm would probably be able to pay their creditors in full. Urlah Thomas, a wealthy farmer, who lost \$20,000 by the failure, discredited the bank's statement and made charges of fraud. He believed the bank was solvent, and that the failure was a "put up job" to make money hand over fist. Upward of \$300,000 was on deposit in the bank. Street talk pronounces the failure as a fraud and a sham.

LOOKING FOR A MISSING HUSBAND.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] COLUMBUS, Dec. 30,-The wife of John Reed, citizen of Ashville, Pickaway County, was in the city today, in search of her husband, who, she said, had so far forgotten his vows as to clope with the wife of a

accompanied by an attorney from Ashville, informed some persons with whom sue conversed, that her husband had no cause for leaving, and that he drove out of the village in a buggy and was met by the eloping wife a mile out. The two proceeded toward Columbus. No trace of the runaways had been obtained at last accounts.

RECOGNITION OF A GIRL'S HEROISM.

A MEDAL TO BE PRESENTED TO KATE SHELLY BY THE IOWA LEGISLATURE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 30.-The Iowa Legislature is to present Kate Shelly on January 15, the day on which it will take possession of the new capitol at Des Moines, with a handsome medal of the value of \$150 and \$200 in money, in recognition of her heroic act in preventing, on the night of July 6, 1881, at the risk of her life, a disaster on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad near Moingona, Ia., which would have resulted, but for her, in an appalling loss of human life. The medal has been prepared by Tiffany & Co., of New-York, and represents Kate in the act of crossing the railway bridge over the Des Moines River. Above are the words: 'Heroism, Youth, Humanity;" on the reverse of the medal is the following inscription: "Presented by the State of Iowa to Kate Shelby, with the thanks of the General Assembly. In recognition of the courage and devotion of a child of fifteen years, whom neither the terror of the elements nor the fear of death could appal in her efforts to save human life during the terrible storm and flood in the Des Moines Valley on the night of July 6,

1881."

Congressman Holmes, to whose efforts this action of the Iowa Legislature is largely due, hopes to secure, in addition to the small sum voted by the Legislature, enough money to pay for the education of Kate Shelby. Her family are poor. The father, who was a section foreman of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, was killed in an accident about ten years ago. The mother has since then endured many hardships and privations in the endeavor to bring up ber five children. An effort will be made to relieve them as far as practicable and an appeal is to be made to the public for that purpose.

AN EXCEPTIONAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

THE DEVICE FOR CARRYING BOSTON'S SEWAGE TO TIDE WATER.
[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Boston, Dec. 30.—The great sewage system which has been in process of construction in this city several years is now completed, and on Tuesday morning its pumps will be set in motion. This system, which con stitutes one the greatest engineering feats of the age, and is pronounced even superior to that of Paris, has for its object in brief the interception of sewage as it flows inthe existing sewers and its conveyence to a point where it may be discharged with safety to the public health, and with the smallest possible injury to other interests. For this purpose a large sewer has been built along the marginal streets of the city intercepting all existing drainage by means of numerous nches and finally terminating in a pumping station at Old Harbor Point. Here four engines, with a daily pumping capacity of 25,000,000 gallons, are erected together, with screens for the stopping erected together, with screens for the stopping of large objects. The outfall sewer, which extends thence to a reservoir on Moon Island, consists of three sections: first a tank, second a tunnel under Dorchester Bay, and third a large land sewer. At Moon Island, where the sewage is discharged into deep water, there is a large reservoir covering several acres. It has four compartments, and will hold nearly 25,000,000 gallons. Its design is such that it can be conveniently enlarged at any time to double this capacity to meet the needs of the increased growth of the city. A large number of gates are provided for admitting and discharging sewages, which are to be opened by hydraulic pressure, as are those at the pumping station.

The last link in the extensive chain of works is the out-The last link in the extensive chain of works is the out-let section, which contains four sewers, so arranged as to connect with the outfall sewer in receiving the discharge from the reservoirs and carrying it out to the tidal cur-rent at the end of Moon Island. The entire cost of this system has been \$4,514,272 89.

NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATS HOPNOBBING TWO EXPLANATIONS OF THE MYSTERIOUS GATHER-

ING IN NEW YORK SATURDAY. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 30.-Secretary of State Kelsey when spoke to to-day in reference to the dinner of the New Jersey Democratic officers and officers-elect, in Ex-Congressman Davy, of Monroe the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday, Insisted that there was that it was a consultation to bring to impress upon them the importance of careful and in-telligent action in view of the contest of next year, in the Congressional Districts and in the State for President. I do not think such

DEMOCRATIC DIVISIONS IN BOSTON.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, Dec. 30 .- A serious division exists in the Democratic organization in this city, which threatens, ere long, to bring about a Tanmany and county democracy in Boston, each working to defeat the other. A prominent democrat, says The Journal, predicts that the party will be so hopelessly divided within a few months that the Republicans can carry Boston at the Presidential election in 1884.

The main ground of complaint by the dissenters is that the party in Boston is now controlled by liquor dealers the party in Boston is now controlled by liquor dealers whose principal object is to control City Hall, and that decent Democrats, whose only object is to have a good government, are ignored. It has recently become known that the defeat of william H. Whitmore, of Ward 12, as member of the Council, was due to the Democratic bosses who issued an edict that he must be deposed from the position as leader of the party, because he could not be relied upon to support questionable schemes. It is no longer a secret that Mr. Whitmore will lead the new movement against the present disreputable bosses.

WOMEN FIGHT WITH CHINA DISHES. A TALE OF MARITAL INFIDELITY, REVENGE AND

COWARDICE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.-A dispatch from Youngstown says: Frank Metz, a well-to-do resident here, went last night to the Commercial Hotel with a strange woman and registered as H. J. Robbins and wife, of Niles, Ohio. Frank left a pretty wife at home. While of Niles, Ohio. Frank left a pretty wife at home. While he and the strange woman were at the hotel breakfast-table this morning, the wife appeared on the scene. She snatched an empty coffee-cup and hurled it at the other woman's head. Her husband's companion retaliafed with plates and saucers, and a general fight followed, mingled with hair-pulling. Metz looked on for a few moments, and then took to his heels. His wife fainted, and the strange woman followed Metz down the street. Mrs. Metz will file a petition for divorce to-merrow.

FOUND HIS RUNAWAY DAUGHTER. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

STEUBENVILLE, Dec. 30 .- A man named Emeck arrived here last night in search of his daughter "Anna," who left her home at Hollidavsburg six months ago. He showed a photograph of the girl to Mayor Me-Conville, who immediately recognized her as one of the members of Ida Cerito's Female Minstrels, which became bankrupt here a few days ago. Emeck said his daughter bankrupt here a few days ago. Emeck said his daughter was only sixteen years old. The girl was found at Mc-Millen's boarding house and taken to the Mayor's office, and shortly afterward started for home with her father. She says she was induced to join the minartels by a man named "Charley Fot," in Philadelphia. It is said Fox had betrayed the girl, who is very beautiful, and then abendoned her at Wheeling. The meeting between her and her father was very affecting.

SOMNAMBULISM ON A TRAIN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Joliet, Ill., Dec. 30.-A strange case of somnambulism occurred on the Rock Island passenger train just before it reached this place last night. Mrs. Mealey Simmons was travelling from Fairbury, Neb., with her two daughters. They were occupying a berth in the sleeping car, when, about midnight, the lady awoke and missed little Gracie, age four years. The frightened mother aroused all the passengers, but a careful search failed to reveal the little one. The grief-Bloomfield man. The villages are only about two miles stricken woman was bewailing the fate of the lost child spart, and the Reeds formerly lived in Bloomfield. Reed stricken woman was bewailing the fate of the lost child when the conductor entered with the waif, the latter crywhen the conductor entered with the waif waith waith the waith was a latter crywhen the conductor entered with the waith waith was a latter crywhen the conductor entered with the waith was a latter crywhen the conductor entered with the waith was a latter crywhen the conductor entered with the waith was a latter crywhen the conductor entered with the waith was a lat NEW-YORK, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1883.

heed him until he touched her arm. Gracle then gazed about in astonishment, as if awaking from deep sieep. She had found her way through the coaches while the train was running at high speed.

A POLITICAL SQUABBLE IN DAKOTA.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.-Referring to the alleged bribery of Governor Ordway, of Dakota, The Pioneer Press correspondent at Pierre, Dak., telegraphs: The commissioners appointed by the Governor for Potter County are J. W. Shaw, F. Kretchmer and Colonel Gilehrist. After organization the board appointed county officers and located the county seat at Forest City. Commissioner Gilchrist withdrew from the session in high dudgeon at the selection of the county seat. On the following day the county officers qualified, and while the board was in session an officer arrested one of the members, J. W. Shaw. This was done upon an informamembers, J. W. Shaw. This was done upon an information sworn out by Glichrist, charging him with directly
bribing Governor Ordway, in order to obtain his comnission, and summoning him to appear for examination
on Monday. As an evidence of the falsity of the charge
it may be said that the information alieges the offence to
have been committed in Pierre on November 6, when it is
well known that Ordway was hi Washington at that
time. The whole transaction is regarded as emanating
from a spirit of disappointment at failing to obtain the
county seat at the compisionant's town site of Appomattox. It is another of the many drawbacks set
afloat against Governor Ordway out of which he will
emerge unscathed. Indisputable evidence is said to be
at hand which proves Glichrist to have been guilty of
attempting to bribe both Shaw and Kretchmer with interests in his town site to secure their votes or either of terests in his town site to secure their votes them for Appearattox, and the end is not yet.

WHO WROTE "THE BREAD WINNERS"?

THE CLEVELAND HERALD IS CONFIDENT THAT COLONEL JOHN HAY DID.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] CLEVELAND, Dec. 30 .- The Herald to day publishes a review of "The Bread Winners," the novel of Cleveland life recently printed in The Century. In con clusion it says: "The hard that wrote 'Castillan Days' is traceable in the finest pessages of 'The Bread Winners,' and the rough force and occasional extravagances and and the rough role and the 'Pike County Ballads' are sins against good taste in the 'Pike County Ballads' are conspicuous in other enapters. If Colonel John Hay is not the author of 'The Bread Winners,' then the strongnot the author of 'The Bread Winners,' then the strong-est evidence goes for nothing. There are numerous pas-sages in the work which, to an observer of men and affairs who has a good memory, farnisn indubitable proof of that authorship. In addition, there is evidence of a purely literary character, and extraneous circumstances to clinch the matter. Colonel Hay may have reasens for denying the authorship, which we do not remember that he has done in more than an evasive manner; and the book may have been, as the editor of The Century has as-sured us, not written in Cleveland; but it is none the less a fact, which we do not believe can be truthfully con-troverted, that 'The Bread Winners' was written by Colonel John Hay."

PAYERS OF LARGE TAXES IN BOSTON.

Boston, Dec. 30 .- From the Assessors' books it appears that the beaviest corporation taxpayer in Boston is the Boston and Albany Raffroad Company, which pays this year \$101,434 80. Five persons or corporations pay \$50,000 and over, seventy-five pay over \$10,000 cuch, and 273 pay \$5,000 and over. Young Joshua M. Sears pays \$50,588 15 this year on his per-sonal and real estate.

SERGEANT MASON ON EXHIBITION,

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEUNE.] Zanesville, O., Dec. 30.—Sergeant Mason as been in the city this last week, attending a local fair and visiting relatives. Yesterday he signed a contract with the manager of a museum in Philadelphia, agreeing to place almost! on exhibition in that city for a limited period at \$200 per week and expenses. Mason left last night for Philadelphia.

A BOILER EXPLOSION IN JERSEY CITY

ONE MAN KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED. The boiler of a centrifugal engine in Matthiessen & Wiecher's sugar refinery in Washington-st., Jersey City, exploded last night, killing man instantly and scriously injuring two others. The man who was killed was Charles Netzler, age fifty, who lived at Essex and Hudson-sts. The wounded men were Henry Elias, of Morris-st, and Herman Kuntz, of Essex-st. Their injuries are serious but not necessarily fatal.

MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

CHARLES E. STYLES LOSES HIS FAMILY AND HOME, ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 30.-Last night about half-past 10 o'clock a fire broke out in the elegant perished in the flames and he himself was quite seriously burned. The origin of the fire is believed to have been the explosion of a gasoline machine in the cellar. The building was totally destroyed.

THE REMARKABLE SUNSETS.

INTERESTING THEORIES OF PROFESSOR LOOMIS-METEORIC DUST.

New-Haven, Dec. 30.-Professor Loomis, while confessing his inability to satisfactorily explain the orilliant sunsets, suggests interesting theories concerning them. He does not ascribe them to vapor in the air, and says that the lateness of the hour shows the cause to be at a great elevation from the earth's surface. He objects to the theory of volcanic dust from the cruption in Java to the theory of volcanic dust from the cruption in Java in the autumn, as that took place too long ago and the phenomenon was only noticed recently. As to the volcanic cruptions in California and Washington Territory, while smoke was emitted which contained dust, the dust may not be red, but when the sun shines through the cloud of dust its red rays have more penetrating power than the other rays in the spectrum.

Professor Loomis instances the red sinsets upon bot nights in summer, when the atmosphere is filled with dust. Another suggestion by him is that the phenomenon is due to some foreign substance falling into the air, and the possibility that meteors constantly falling into the amosphere may cause the brilliancy, but he adds that the latter is a vague conjecture.

PROMOTING EDUCATION IN ALASKA.

Boston, Dec. 30 .- A meeting in the interests of education and civilization for Alaska was held at the Park Street Church to-uight. The Rev. Joseph Cook presided and made an address, being followed by Shelden Jackson, D. D., of Alaska, who gave an interesting ac-count of the customs and habits of the people of that country. A letter expressing sympathy with the move-ment was received from Wendell Philips.

PROBABLY KILLED IN A DEBAUCH.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 30.-Michael McLaughliu reported to the police this morning that his wife had dled suddenly during the night. The medical examiner found marks of violence on the body. It is believed that the woman died either from blows received in a drunken row with her busband or from excessive drinking. The police do not think they have sufficient evidence against McLaughiln to warrant his arrest.

SETTLING A QUARREL WITH PISTOLS,

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.-Stout Higgins and Thomas Haynes, wealthy farmers, between whom there existed ill-feeling on account of a lawsuit, met at the Greendale Railway station last night. Higgins immediately drew a pistol and seized Haynes by the collar, whereupon the latter shot Higgins through the lungs. Higgins returned the fire, hitting Haynes once in the left side and once in the ankle. Both men are dangerously wounded.

THIEVES VISIT A JEWELRY SHOW CASE,

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 30 .- The jewelry store of H. M. Johnquest, of Ansonia, was entered last night and the contents of the show case, valued at \$600, were taken. The burglars took the early morning train for this city.

SENATOR ALLISON'S FATHER DYING. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch to The

Tribune states that the father of Scuator Allison, of Iowa, is dying at his home in Peoria. He is eighty-seven years of age, and has been gradually sinking for some time. Eenator Allison has been telegraphed for.

MULDOON DEFEATS BAUER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 .- In the wrestling match here last night between Muldoon and Bauer, for \$1,000 a side and the championship of the world, the former won after a three-hours' struggle, and was carried in triumph on the shoulders of the admiring crowd.

A STAGE ROBBERY IN TEXAS.

GALVESTON, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch from San Angela to The News says: "The Abilene stage was robbed last night near the Colorado River by two masked men with drawn revolvers, and the nine passengers, compris-ing a variety troupe, were robbed of \$400. The mails were not touched.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE STEAMER CELTIC SPOKEN.

HER SHAFT BROKEN-PROCEEDING UNDER SAIL-

PASSENGERS IN NO DANGER. LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Hamburg-American steamer Gellert, which arrived to-day at Plymouth, reports that she spoke the White Star steamer Celtie on December 22, in lat. 41° long. 64°. The main shaft of the Celtic was broken. The captain of the Celtic wished to have his steamer towed by the Gellert. The captain of the latter vessel refused to take the Celtic in tow, owing to bad weather, but he offered to take off her passengers and mails. The offer was declined.

The Celtie was under sail. The Gellert, although unable to take the disabled steamer in tow, stood by antil informed by rocket signals that her offer to take off the passengers and mails was declined. The gale increasing, the Gellert proceeded on her voyage, having ascertained that the Celtic was in a seaworthy condition, and that her passengers were in no danger.

INSURGENTS DEFEATED IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, Dec. 30.—The Egyptian troops at Dongola, assisted by friendly tribes, have attacked and completely defeated a band of insurgents marching toward Berber. Later advices show that the rebels attacked Gezireh, a town eight miles from Berber. The garrison of the town consisting of two companies of Bashi-Bazouks, drove back the assailants with heavy loss, after six hours' severe fighting. The Egyptian loss was slight. The rebels had in-tended to attack Berber, but were thwarted by their defeat at Gezirch.

FATAL MUTINY ON A SWEDISH BRIG.

Brisbane, Queensland, Dec. 30,-The Swedish brig Natal, Captain Ernstrom, from Boston July 29 has arrived here. A mutiny occurred on the voyage, in which the captain and first mate were wounded and the second mate was killed. The captain shot two of the ma-timeers and secured three others. The latter are now in

NEW PROPOSALS BY CHINA. Paris, Dec. 30.—Captain Mehl, of the Foreign Legion, was killed at the capture of Sontay.

The National referring to the controversy between France and China, says that China is disposed to make fresh preposals, which the Tsung Li Yamen are now discussing, but the purport of which has not reached the

MURDERED BY NIHILISTS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30 .- The murder of Lieutenant Colonel Sudeikin, of the gendarmeric, on Friday night, was undoubtedly the work of Nihilists. A letter has been found in the murdered man's house threatening Count Tolstol, the Minister of the futerior, with a similar fate.

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Lieutemant-Colonel Sudolkin was stabled to death with a dasger. A man manued Jablonsky is suspected of having committed the deed. The muruered man was a leading member of a so-called society for the suppression of terrorism. A proclamation has been circulated urging Russian patriots to wage war to the knife against their present rulers, and not to leave the entire work to Narodnia Voinia (Nihilist journal). A Nihilist has been arrested at Prague with compromising papers in his possession.

A NATIONALIST MEETING PROHIBITED. DUBLIN, Dec. 30.-Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has probiblied the projected National-ist meeting in Cootchill, County Cavan.

DEPARTURE OF WALLACE ROSS.

Halifax, Dec. 30,—Among the passengers on the Paristan, which sailed for Liverpool to-day, was Wallace Ross, the oarsman, who goes to England to prepare for his race with Bubear on the Thames in March. He will remain in England until May or June.

NAVY-YARD COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 29,-The Commission on Navy Yards appointed in accordance with the act of August 5, 1882, has made a report at great length. The Commission was led to the following deductions: That large and wealthy cities, such as Boston, New-York, Philby permanent fortifications, so that the locating of a add to the expense of a system of defensive works; that the placing of a navy yard near a harbor or city of minor importance necessitates fortifications for its defence where otherwise there might be none, and that a sheet of water offering great natural advantages as a rendezvous for a fleet must be defended at any cost, although there may be no large city or mavy yard on its shares, lest an enemy take possession and make it the place of hostile operations.

Such a body of water is to be found in Narragansett Bay, partsof Long Island Sound, Hampton Roads, Pensa cola, etc. The erection of a navy yard within the lines of such places, therefore, does not necessarily add to the cost of their defence.

The Commissioners think the Mare Island Navy Yard should be retained; do not recommend the sale of the Portsmouth yard; advise against the sale of the Boston yard; report the station near New-London as unsuitable for a site for a navy yard; express the opinion that the New-York yard should not be sold, and do not recommend the sale of the League Island Navy Yard.

The commissioners do not recommend the abandonment of the naval station at Sacketts Harbor, N.Y.; the sale of the Washington yard is not recommended, nor is that of the yard at Pensacola or of that at Norfolk, and the sale of the station at Key West is not recommended. where otherwise there might be none, and that a

RIDDEFORD PEOPLE EXCITED.

SIGNS IN A STREET INDICATING A MURDER IN THE NIGHT.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 30,-A large quantity of blood and hair was found at Summer and Birch sts. this morning trampled into the snow, giving evidence that a serious struggle had taken place in the night. Many believe that a murder was committed. A family in that vicinity heard a team drive up about 10 o'clock in the evening, and not long after groans were heard. A little later a man considerably bruised called at a house in Prospect-st., a short distance from the scene of the supposed crime, and inquired the way to Dayton; and afterward, two men, evidently bewildered, called at a house in Hill-st., inquiring for Saco. Traces of blood

house in Hill-st., inquiring for sector faces of boso-could be followed for several rods upon Summer-st.

The police are reticent, but it is said that they have in their possession a woman's hat picked up near the spot where the blood was found. Physicians say that the loss of as much blood as was visible would have caused the death of any human being. More than 500 persons have visited the place, and there is great excitement over the affair. The police have been out in various directions, but have made no arrests.

A TEDIOUS LAWSUIT SETTLED.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30 .- The celebrated ejectment case of Elisha A. Packer, of New-York, against Ira F. Clement, of Sunbury, Penn., was concluded in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, and last night at a late hour the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plainlate hour the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plain-tiff. The suit involved property valued at half a million dollars, and the verdict establishes Packer's claim to the 120 acres for which the suit was brought. The litigation arose from difficulty in locating lines separating adjoining lands of the plaintiff and the defendant. A strip seven miles long was claimed by both. The suit was first entered in 1876, and has been carried on at great ex-pense to the litigants on both sides.

COLLIERIES TO RESUME OPERATION.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 30 .- All the collieries of the Reading Company on the Lehigh and Susquehanna division will resume work to morrow on full time. Here-tofore they have been working three days a week. The system of company stores carried on under Charles Partish's administration was abandoned yesterday. There are no fears of labor troubles in this region.

THE HANLAN-STEPHENSON MATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 .- The reason that Hanian asked Stephenson to release him from his engage-ment to row here is that the former preferred to row at Point of Pines, where there is a better course, and where larger receipts could be expected. Hanlan offered Ste-phenson \$1,000 and his expenses to go East and the latter

PROBABLE WIFE MURDER.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.-This morning William Morgan, of No. 2,939 Norwood-ave. beat his wife so seriously that her recovery is said to be doubtful. Morgan was arrested.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR PAWNBROKERS. Henry E. Pellew, in speaking to a TRIBUNE

eporter yesterday, with regard to the projected formation of a company in this city for lending money to the poor on personal property, said: "The announcement that such a company is to be formed is a little premature. Nothing has been done in this direction, except that the

Rev. R. Heber Newton, J. O. Woods, myself, and one or two other gentlemen have talked over the advisability of establishing such a company, and the need for it. After the holidays we shall probably have a meeting and discuss it further. As it is now, the poor man or woman who wants a loan on personal property is in the hands of who wants a loan on personal property is in the hands of the pawnbrokers, who charge a high rate of interest. There is in Boston an institution for making loans to take poor, called the Collateral Loan Compary. The scope and workings of this company have been considered, but nothing has been done, except to talk over the matter informally. In Tweed's time, here in New-York, a bank was chartered called the Loan Bank, or something of that sort. It existed for a short time, and then, finally, went into the hands of a receiver. We could buy the charter of this bank, but I do not think that it would do at all for our purpose. The only thing left seems to be to come under the law regulating pawnbrokers, or to get a special charter."

THE FIRE RECORD.

GREAT DESTRUCTION IN DAKOTA. DRIVEN FROM A HOTEL IN THE NIGHT-20 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch from Jamestown, Dakota, to The Tribune says: "This morning fire was discovered in the Northwestern Hotel. Owing to a lack of water the flames spread, and in a short time destroyed the entire block facing the railroad, including the Dakota House, the McGinnis Block, the Northwestern Hotel, the North Dakota Bank building, and several small office buildings. Among the parties burned out are Churchill & Webster, the parties burned out are Churchill & Webster, groceries and drugs; D. R. Bondoine, groceries and dry goods; D. Goodman, clothing; D. Murphy, saloon, and H. F. Bamlet, jewelry. The Dakota House cost \$25,000. It was well insured. The McGinnis Block was a three-story fraame building and cost \$15,000; insured for \$10,000. The total loss is about \$100,000. The insurance is probably two-thirds of that amount. The servants in the Northwestern Hotel had barely time to escape in their night dresses and bare feet. The thermometer at the time marked 20° below zero.

HEAVY LOSS IN JOLIET, ILLS.

THE FACTORY OF THE LAMBERT & BISHOPS WIRE

FENCE COMPANY DESTROYED. Сигсадо, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Joliet, Ills., stated that fire last night destroyed the Wire Monufactory of Lambert & Bishop's Wire Fence Company. The company had one of the largest plants in the State. The factory was built this, year and employed 220 men. The loss is \$225,000; insured as follows: Underwrit; ers, \$5,000; Fire Association, of Philadephia, \$3,500 Phonix, \$5,000; American, \$2,500; German-American \$2,500; Milwaukee Mechanics', \$2,500; British American \$2,500; Springfield, of Massachusetts, \$5,000; American \$1,500; Germany-American, \$1,500; Mercantile, \$2,500; Guardian, of London, \$2,500; St. Paul, \$3,000; Standard. S1,500; Germany-American, 51,500; Mariana, 52,500; Guardian, of London, \$2,500; Lancashire, \$2,000; Pharnix, of London, \$4,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; Detroit, \$2,500; Amazion, \$4,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; Detroit, \$2,500; Amazion, \$3,000; Buffalo German, \$1,000; Transatiantic \$2,500; Fireman's, \$1,000; Manufacturers', \$2,500; London assurance, \$1,000; London and Liverpool and Globe, \$2,000; Fireman's of Dayton, \$1,000, North German, \$2,500; Mew-Hampshire, \$2,500; Germania, \$2,500; California, \$2,500; Connecticut, \$2,500; Massachusetts, \$2,500; Mercantile, \$2,000; Hamover, \$2,500; King's County, \$1,500; State Investment, of San Prancisco, \$1,000; North British Mercantile, \$2,000; Rhede Island, \$4,000; Union, \$1,500; Boston Union, \$1,500; Commercial Union, \$2,500; Continential, \$2,500; Corlent, of Hartford, \$2,000; Glens Falls, \$1,500; Mercant, of New-Jersey, \$1,500; Hartford, \$6,500; Howard, \$1,000; Fire Insurance Association, of England, \$2,000; London and Provincial, \$1,000; Atma, \$1,000; Pennsylvania, \$2,000; Queen, \$5,000; National, \$2,500; London Assurance, \$1,500; Mechanics and Traders, \$1,500; Western, \$2,000, and Norta American, Traders, \$1,500; Western, \$2,000, and Norta American, Traders, \$1,500; Western, \$2,000, and Norta American, \$4,000.

HALF A MILLION LOST IN CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 30 .- A fire occurred this evening in the large building Nos. 119 and 121 Monroe-st., causing a loss of nearly \$500,000. The front portion of the building was 24 by 80 feet and the rear portion was 112 feet square. It was filled with printing, lithograph* ing and kindred establishments. The approximate losses and insurance are as follows: Bradner, Smith & Co., stationers and bookbinders, loss \$25,000; in-surance, \$80,000; National Printing Company managed by J. H. McConnell, one of largest show printing houses in the country, largest show printing houses in the country, loss \$120,000; insurance \$60,000 (cuts valued at \$65,000 are in the vault, and are believed to be safe); Shober & Carqueville Lithographing Company, loss \$200,000; insurance \$80,000 to \$90,000; E. B. Myers, law book publisher, loss \$12,000 to \$14,000; fully insured; J. B. Jeffry, whose large show printing establishment was recently destroyed in The Evening Journal fire, loses from \$3,000 to \$5,000 worth of cuts, which were in the National Printing Company's office, and the Dennett from \$3,000 to \$5,000 worth of cuts, which were in the National Printing Company's office, and the Dennett Histories Company sustains a similar loss. The building, which is owned by Samuel A. Crozer, of Philadelphia, was damaged to the extent of \$25,000; insurance \$40,000. Nine stories in the Montank block adjoining, owned by the E. F. Brooks estate, of Boston, was damaged to the extent of \$125,000 by water.

SIX STORES BURNED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Спаттаноода, Dec. 30.-А dispatch from Oxford, Ala., states that a fire broke out in that city yes-terday, burning six buildings, including a new bank. The sufferers are Draper, Son & Co., Draper, Mathis & Co., Phillips & Balley, R. N. Warnock & Son, the Oxford Hardware Company, and Marcus & Co. The loss is \$30,000, Insurance, \$15,000. This is the second fire that has occurred in the same spot within six months.

A HOTEL BADLY DAMAGED. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30 .- Fire broke out this afternoon on the top floor of the Purcell House, F. Brown, proprietor. The efforts of the firemen coufined the flames to that floor, but the building and furniture were badly damaged by water. The loss on the furniture is \$7,000, and on the building \$5,000; all covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. No one was injured.

A COLLEGE DORMITORY DESTROYED.

A dispatch from Parkville, Mo, received in this city on Saturday announced the destruction by The dormitory was 100 feet square three stories high. The fire threw three stories out of a home 100 young men who were supporting them-selves by manual labor on a large farm. Park College was founded eight years ago by George S. Park and the Rev. John A. McAfle. The college has about 225

AN INVENTOR'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

The question of heating the Bridge cars is interesting inventors. Already there are five Rich in the field with schemes, each whom has a car to himself, and which he will operate on Monday. Edward E. Gold, whose headquar. ters are in hall No. 3 of the Permanent Exhibition in the Cooper Union, obtained permission to heat up car No. 20 with his apparatus more than a month ago, but his sys-tem was never tried. It was to have been tested on Sat urday, and the inventor, flush with hope and anticipated urday, and the inventor, flush with hope and anticipated triumph, went into the Brooklyn depot at 9 a.m. "Bring forth ear No. 20," he cried. But when car No. 20 was hand-pushed to the siding, he discovered that the platform was all askew, and that his beloved pipes and reservoirs were broken and disjoined, he began to suspect that some rival had done the miscider; but an employee remembered that some time ago when the trustees wanted to see how the Faine grip was getting on, they went in car No, 20, which still retained the sheaves with the old wooden grooves. These acted as usual. The grip refused to acknowledge the brake, and crashed into the car ahead of it at the New York end. The ear was dragged up by a locomotive to the Brooklyn side, and has been laid up in quarantine ever since.

GROUNDLESS FEARS OF CONTAGION.

At a meeting of citizens at Edgewater on December 22 a protest was made against the establishment of a permanent Marine Hospital by the Government to the buildings known as the Seamen's Retreat. It was stated that with such a hospital there would be a constant fear of contagious diseases. A prominent surgeon in the government service said on Saturday:

"The statement that a Marine hospital is synonym with a post-house is entirely contrary to the facts. The bospitals. No more and no less. All [patients admitted to marine hospitals are scamen from merchant vessels, and, during the prevalence of epidemics, the crews of every vessel are carefully inspected before they are allowed to proceed to the city. All persons found suffering from contagious diseases are detaited and sent to an isolated hospital, where they receive good care and treatment until they become convaiescent. It would be a novel idea if the authorities of the great cities of New York and Brooklyn should be obliged to transfer all of their hospitals and charity institutions down to Sandy Hook because they occasionally get a patient suffering from a contagious disease.

RECEPTION TO SENATOR SABIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—The Young Men's Republican Club of Stillwater tendored a reception and supper to Senator Sabin last night. same diseases are treated in marine hospitals as in city

PRICE THREE CENTS. COLONEL RATHBONE'S MANIA

WHAT HAMILTON HARRIS SAYS.

SOME DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY-THE MADMAN'S GENTLE NATURE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 20 .- Ex-Senator Hamilton Harris stated to-day that no telegrams has been received from Hanover, Germany, concerning the Rathbone tragedy since those containing the first intelligence

All the news he was obtaining relative to the terrible affair came to him through the newspaper dispatches from London and Hanover. He then con-"My belief is that Colonel Rathbone was insans when he killed his wife. He was one of the kindest men toward his wife and family that I ever knew. His whole life seemed to be concentrated in his family. You know some men have a life outside their family. They live at clubs, or they call upon attending to political matters. Colonel Rathbone

acquaintances, or they give their spare moments to had no interest outside his family. You would always find him at home. His wife loved him devotedly, and was a gentle, kind-hearted, Christian woman. Both were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and constantly attended its services. Nor could Colonel Rathbone's reason have been unseated by pecuniary troubles; for he was in easy circumstances. He had a large fortune. He must have been made insane by dyspepsia. "Now that he has done what he has done, there comes to my mind the memory of something that

occurred here a year ago, which made a powerful impression upon me at the time. He came into my law office just before his departure for Germany in November, 1882, looking very ill. I asked him what was the matter, and he then said he was suffering from dyspepsia. He described to me in a vivid way all the horrors of that disease. My folks tell me that, in letters which they received from his wife after they reached Germany, she frequently alluded to his sufferings from dyspepsia. I see that THE TRIBUNE'S dispatch from Europe says that he had been suffering from melancholy for the past two months. I have no doubt he killed his beloved wife when his mind was clouded by that disease. She was a charming, vivacious and genial woman. If she came into a room, she would at once make every one feel more bright and cheerful,

MRS. RATHBONE'S REROIC CONDUCT.

"From the letters we have received from the family we can discover some of the circumstances of the tragesly. The Tribune dispatch from Hanover states that he was attempting to get at his children, when intercepted by his wife and the nurse, and that then he returned to his own bedroom and killed his wife. Our letters show that between his own room and the children's was an apartment occupied by the nurse. This nurse had been in the family for many years. When Colonel Rathbone came groping through this antercom he must have awakened the nurse. Mrs. Rathbone must have been following her husband, and been aware of his intention to kill the children; for, according to these brief dis patches, she called to the nurse to lock the door leading into the children's room. The nurse did so. and then Colonel Rathbone turned upon his wife and killed her. Mrs. Rathbone sacrificed herself, as

it were, to save the lives of her children. "There can be no greater proof to me of Rathbone's insanity than this attempt to kill his children. With his wife, they were the human beings most beloved by him in the world. It is strange, then, when one becomes insane, he strives to hurt that which he most loves. Witness that terrible case in New-York of a mother murdering her children. As I said before, I never saw a man who gave more evidences of deeply loving his wife and

children. "We shall probably not hear the particulars of the tragedy until the return of Colonel William H. Harris, of Cleveland, from Hanover. He sailed for Europe on the Baltic on Thursday. Colonel Harris is a brother of Miss Louisa Harris and of Mrs. Rathbone. He it was who received the dispatches from Europe, telling of the tragedy. He received the dispatches at Cleveland and then forwarded them to us here at Albany. I received him while I was seated at the dimertable on Christmas Day. We saw Colonel Harris when he passed through this city from Cleveland on his way to New-York.

REMINISCENCES OF THE COLONE. "In 1857, when I was working hard as a young lawyer in this city, and had a good practice, Colonel Rathbone, who had just been graduated at Union College, came to me and asked me if I would take him as a law student. He was rich, worth about \$200,000, but he desired to work and learn a profession. I gave him a seat by my side, and there he worked hard at law books for a year and a half. In 1859 he went to Larope, and travelled about the Continent until the war of the Rebellion broke out. Continent until the war of the Rebellion broke out.

That brought him back to this country. He obtained a commission in the regular Army as a Taptain, and fought throughout the war. When the war ended he was the major of his regiment. In the meanwhile Senator Ira Harris, my brother, had married his mother. She was a widow and he was a widower, and both had children. Major Rathbone naturally was thrown into the society of my nicce, Miss Harris. He first met her in Washington, at Senator Harris's house.

THE EVENING THAT LINCOLN WAS SHOT.

"As THE TRIBUNE has already mentioned, they were in the theatre box with President Lincoln when he was assassinated. The circumstances that led to their being there were rather curious. There was to be a special performance at the theatre-a patriotic song was to be sung, I believe-and President Lincoln, General Grant and Mr. Stanton were to be present. Mr. Stanton sent word that he could not come; General Grant was suddenly called away from the city; and President Lincoln was taken ill on the afternoon of the performance. Mrs. Lincoln thought she would be compelled to occupy the theatre box alone, and therefore asked Clara Harris to accompany her; which she agreed to do In the meanwhile the theatrical managers came to Mr. Lincoln, and begged him to go, telling him that the entertainment would be a failure if he did not, as General Grant and Mr. Stanton would not be present. Mr. Lincoln good-naturedly consented to go. He and his wife went to get Miss Harris; and finding Major Rathbone at her home invited him to accompany them. When Booth had fixed his fatal shot at President Lincoln, the assassin was seized by Major Rathbone. Booth dropped his pistol and stabbed at Rathbone with a two-edged dagger. The blade of the weapon went through Rathbone's left arm, and nearly reached his breast. He did not recover from the wound for two months.

CONDITION OF COLONEL BATHBONE. on the afternoon of the performance. Mrs. Lincoln

CONDITION OF COLONEL BATHBONE, HANOVER, Dec. 30 .- The general condition of Colonel Rathbone is good. He has had no fever so

LURID TALK BY IRISHMEN IN BROOKLY N.

The Fenian Brotherhood of Brooklyn held a meeting in Columbia Hall, at York and Main last evening, to listen to a lecture on Scientific Warfare," by Counsellor Moran. About twenty persons were present. William Bourke presided, and said that the object of the meeting was to learn how to drive the English red-coats out of Ireland. He dilated in the wrongs of Irish tenants. Gunpowder, the speaker believed, would blow a man up at the rate of 6,000 miles a minute, but dynamite was far better as it would cause the speed to increase to 73,000 miles a minute. London could be sent flying at that